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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert
4 "Bob" S. Molaro, who passed away on June 15, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Molaro was born to Angelina (Spizzirri)
6 Molaro and Samuel Molaro in Chicago on June 29, 1950; he
7 graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep in 1968, Loyola
8 University in 1972, and John Marshall Law School in 1976; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Molaro began his career with the City of
10 Chicago Corporation Counsel; he then started his own law
11 practice, which he continued until his passing; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Molaro became the 12th Ward Democratic
13 Committeeman in 1984; he served in the Illinois State Senate
14 from 1993 to 2003; during his time as a state senator, he was
15 the democratic spokesman on the Senate Executive, Higher
16 Education, and Licensed Activities Committees and served on
17 the Senate Insurance, Pensions, Judiciary, and Transportation
18 Committees; he served in the Illinois House of Representatives
19 from 2003 to 2008; during this time, he served as chairman of
20 the Criminal Law Judiciary Committee and served on the Gaming,
21 Public Safety Appropriations, Mass Transit, and Executive
22 Leadership Committees; he was the lead sponsor of the bill

1 that strengthened penalties for corporate official misconduct,
2 for various gun control measures designed to protect
3 neighborhood residents, and for several criminal justice
4 reforms measures; throughout his political career, he
5 championed animal protection issues and was a leading advocate
6 for Illinois horse racing and gaming expansion; he retired
7 from politics in 2008 and became a lobbyist; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Molaro had a remarkable passion for life and
9 was a caring and compassionate friend; most of all, he enjoyed
10 spending time with his family, especially his 11
11 grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Molaro was preceded in death by his parents
13 and his brother, Peter (Michelle); and

14 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Bob Molaro was survived
15 by his wife, Barbara (nee Teska); his children, Samuel, Robyn
16 (Timothy King), Miranda (Daniel Diaz), Michael (Jane
17 Middleton), and Alexandra (Daniel Stell); his grandchildren,
18 Rocco, Luciana, Francesca, Enzo, Daniel, Angelina, Evelyn,
19 Felix, Jethro, Contessa, and Isabella; his sister-in-law,
20 Nancy (Charles) Lunon; and his nephew, Nicholas (Rachel)
21 Lunon; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Robert "Bob" S. Molaro and extend our
3 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
4 and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of his resolution be
6 presented to the family of Bob Molaro as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.